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SUBJECT: W/W SANDRA FRONCZAK - REPORT OF DEPARTMENT MEETING WITH HERMAN MCGOWAN

1. SANDRA FRONCZAK'S FATHER, HERMAN MCGOWAN, ACCOMPANIED BY WILLIAM LAWBAUGH OF IRONWORKERS UNION, MET WITH ALAN GISE, FRANK STEVENS, AND LORRAINE POLIK JULY 21. MCGOWAN AND LAWBAUGH AGAIN REGISTERED AT LENGTH THEIR DISSATISFACTION WITH DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY EFFORTS, AND IN RETURN WERE GIVEN DESCRIPTIONS OF REALISTIC LIMITATIONS, PARTICULARLY INABILITY OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL TO ACT IN POLICE OR INVESTIGATIVE CAPACITY, AND DEPENDENCE ON MEXICAN AUTHORITIES FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION.

2. FOLLOWING ARE THOSE POINTS RAISED IN MEETING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR EMBASSY ATTENTION. REQUEST IF POSSIBLE OBTAIN INFORMATION FOR DEPARTMENT USE IN CONTINUED DEALING WITH FAMILY AND HIGH-LEVEL INTEREST.

A.CONCERNING WIDER SEARCH NOW BEING MADE FOR 4 CIVILIAN SUSPECTS, WHAT IS ITS NATURE (I.E., SIMPLE QUOTE ALERT UNQUOTE OR POLICE SEARCH TEAM); HOW INTENSIVE IS IT;  
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B. CONCERNING DISCONTINUED SEARCH FOR SANDRA FRONCZAK, WHAT IF ANY ONGOING ACTIVITY (SUCH AS GENERAL DESCRIPTIVE ALERT OVER A WIDE AREA OR DISTRIBUTION IN PUBLIC AREAS OF POSTERS WITH HER PICTURE) IS STILL BEING UNDERTAKEN? CAN EMBASSY SUGGEST ANY ADDITIONAL STEPS THAT COULD BE UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT INVITING FALSE INFORMATION SUCH AS OFFER OF REWARD MIGHT ELICIT?

C. WHAT SPECIFIC STEPS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN TAKEN BY EMBASSY TO GATHER INFORMATION ON CASE FOR TRANSMISSION TO FAMILY? WHO BESIDES FREQUENTLY UNAVAILABLE STATE DA CAN EMBASSY USE AS SOURCES? HOW FREQUENTLY CAN CONOFFS GO ROUTINELY TO ACAPULCO AREA AND MAKE PERSONAL CONTACTS TO OBTAIN AS ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE INFORMATION?

3. MEETING NOT SURPRISINGLY REVEALED MCGOWAN AND LAWBAUGH UNABLE GRASP EMBASSY'S AND DEPARTMENT'S INABILITY MANAGE POLICE ACTIVITIES IN FOREIGN COUNTRY, ESPECIALLY SCOPE AND INTENSITY OF SEARCH EFFORTS.

4. BECAUSE OF UNABATED AND HIGH-LEVEL INTEREST IN CASE REQUEST EMBASSY CONTINUE PROVIDE DEPARTMENT WITH ALL POSSIBLE PERTINENT INFORMATION TO DEAL WITH PR ASPECTS. ROBINSON

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